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Applicant: Palmaz, et al.
Attorney Docket No. 6006-019

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In re application of: Palmaz, et al.

Serial No.: 09/745,304

Group Art Unit: 3731

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For: ENDOLUMINAL DEVICE EXHIBITING IMPROVED ENDOTHELIALIZATION AND
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1. Preliminary statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

While this Information Disclosure Statement may be "material" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56 it is not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to therein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(b) the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists.

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET TO ASSURE THAT ALL ITEMS LISTED ON THE INFORMATION STATEMENT ARE CONSIDERED: If the Information Disclosure Statement is submitted before the claims have been indicated as allowable and includes (1) a listing of patents, publications or other information, (2) a concise explanation of the relevance of each listed item and (3) a copy of each listed item or the relevant portion of the listed patents, publications or other information (along with a translation of pertinent portions of foreign language items, if available) then it must be considered by the Examiner. The Examiner may consider a citation for any reason, whether or not the citation is in full conformance with this procedure. MPEP § 609.

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2. Identification Of Time Of Filing

This Information Disclosure Statement

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- (a) ☐ accompanies the new patent application submitted herewith. 37 CFR 1.97 (a)

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- (b) ☒ is filed within three months after the filing date of the application or two months after receiving the filing receipt or prior to a first substantive action on the merits of the case, whichever is later. 37 CFR 1.97(a)

NOTE: Applicants are "encouraged" to file within this time period if the statement is not filed with the application. 37 CFR 1.97(e).

- (c) ☐ this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted as the information was brought to attention.

- (d) ☐ is being submitted after notice of allowance and a Request For Consideration Of Information Disclosure Statement Submitted After Allowance (Section 3) is included.

NOTE: Any amendment after the mailing of the notice of allowance may not be made as a matter of right and must be accompanied by a petition fee if made after the issue fee is paid. 37 CFR 1.312.

- (e) ☐ is a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.99

☐ a previous Information Disclosure Statement was filed on _____

NOTE: Updating of the Information Disclosure Statement should be submitted to the PTO with reasonable promptness and shall be accompanied by explanations of relevance and by copies of art in accordance with the requirements of the Information Disclosure Statement itself. 37 CFR 1.99 The transmittal should include a statement explaining why the information was not earlier transmitted (and this can be done in the space below). If the transmittal is after allowance it shall include such an explanation (this is provided for in Request for Consideration of Information Disclosure Statement Submitted After Allowance). MPEP § 609.

☐ this supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted as the information was brought to attention

- (f) ☐ The art was encountered in the course of the prosecution of the corresponding foreign application(s) in

(name(s) of country(ies) and serial number(s))

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4. Statements With Respect To Listing Of Information

A list of the patent(s) and/or publications is set forth on the attached (Section 9) THIRTEEN page(s) of Form PTO-1449 (Modified).

NOTE: In completing PTO-1449 (Modified) it should be kept in mind that 37 CFR 1.98(a) requires that "All United States patents listed should be identified by their patent numbers, patent dates, and names of the patentees. Each foreign published application of patent should be cited by identifying the country or office which issued it, the document number and publication date indicated on the document. Each printed publication should be identified by author (if any), title of the publication, pages, date and place of publication."

The Notice of August 5, 1985 (1057 O.G. 41) States: "Among the information that should be provided on Form PTO-1449 is the date of the citation. In addition, it is helpful if the class and subclass of each citation is provided. It is appreciated that classification information may not be known at the time Form PTO-1449 is prepared. When classification information is not known, draw a line in the boxes under the class and subclass heading adjacent to the citation for which classification information is not known."

NOTE: The reference designations "AA", "AB", etc. (referring to Applicants' reference A, Applicants' reference B, etc.) will be used by the Examiner in the same manner as the Examiner's reference designations "A", "B", "C", etc. on Office Action Form PTO-1142." Notice of August 15, 1980 (998 O.G. 5).

NOTE: REPRESENTATIVE ITEMS: "When two or more patents or publications considered material are substantially identical, a copy of the representative one may be included in the statement and others merely listed." 37 CFR 1.98(b).

WARNING: The Notice of December 23, 1982 (1027 TMOG 7-52) points out. "The final rule states clearly that the publication date indicated on the document should be submitted. This will not serve to preclude a showing of a different, actual publication date. Another purpose of the citation requirement in this section is to permit ready reference to the document from its citation."

The Notice of August 5, 1985 (1057 O.G. 41) states: "Note that the listing citations of Form PTO-1449 does not raise an irrebuttable presumption that the citation is prior art. A holding by an Examiner that any citation of Form PTO-1449 is prior art matter can be rebutted by procedures commonly used to rebut the prior art status of the Examiner's citations." Notice of References Cited."

(complete (a) or (b) if applicable)

(a) ☐ _____ is believed to be representative of the following patents or publications:

(b) ☐ _____ in the English language is believed to be the equivalent of the following non-English patents or publications:

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5. Statements With Respect To Translations of Non-English Information

NOTE: "A translation of the pertinent portions of foreign language patents or publications considered material should be transmitted if an existing translation is readily available to the applicant." 37 CFR 1.96(b).

☒ Submitted herewith is an English translation of the following foreign language patents, publications or information or of those portions of those patents, publications or information considered to be material:

1. Japanese Patent No. 61-88135 (Abstract only)

☐ No English language translations of the foreign language patents, publications or information or parts thereof are readily available, except for those listed above.

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6. Statements With Respect To Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.98(a) requires that the Information Disclosure Statement shall be accompanied by a copy of each listed patent or publication or other item of information in written form or of at least the portions thereof considered by the person filing the disclosure statement to be pertinent.

37 CFR 1.56(b) states: "Disclosures must be accompanied by a copy of each foreign patent document, non-patent publication, or other non-patent item of information in written form which is being disclosed or by a statement that the copy is not in the possession of the person making the disclosure ..."

"The portion of a document required to be submitted under § 1.56(b) is the portion which is material to the examination of the application under § 1.56(a). "Notice of November 30, 1983, 49 FR 5-48, January 4, 1984.

There is no assurance that art or other information not submitted with copies of listed items in accordance with the guidelines will be considered by the Examiner. MPEP § 609.

A copy of

☒ each

☐ none

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of the items on PTO-1449 (Modified) is supplied herewith:

(indicate if only a portion of a listed item is being supplied)

NOTE: If each listed item is not supplied herewith, complete Section 7, Statement of Non-Possession of Documents, to ensure that Information Disclosure is considered and/or to avoid an Office Action.

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8. Concise Explanation of Listed Information Items

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This "concise explanation" may be nothing more than identification of the particular figure or paragraph of the patent or publication which has some relation to the claimed invention. It might be a simple statement pointing to similarities between the listed item and the claimed invention. It is permissible but not necessary to discuss differences between the listed item and the claims. It is thought that the explanation of relevance will be useful to the Examiner and should not be significantly burdensome for the applicant to prepare. A statement to the effect that an item is listed because it was cited during the prosecution of a counterpart foreign application and is not considered material to the examination of the U.S. application, is to be considered as satisfying the concise explanation requirement of 37 CFR 1.98(a). MPEP § 609.

There is no assurance that art of other information not submitted with a concise explanation of listed items in accordance with the guidelines will be considered by the Examiner. MPEP § 609.

A concise explanation of the items listed on PTO-1449 (Modified) is:

- ☐ not given
- ☒ given for only some listed item(s)
- ☐ given for each listed item

PTO-1449 (Modified)

CONCISE EXPLANATION

REFERENCE DESIGNATION

- AC10 Reference has a priority date of February 1, 2001 and teaches a thin walled sheet having thickness of 25 microns or less. There is no teaching of vacuum deposition methods in the reference.
- AP3 Reference is the corresponding PCT international application of reference AC10.
- AD10 Reference has an earliest priority date of January 24, 2000 and teaches fabrication of tubular implantable medical devices by sputter deposition
- AO3 Reference is the corresponding PCT international application of reference AD10
- AD5 Reference teaches vacuum deposition formation of porous sheet stents that are formed into stents after being released from the deposition substrate. The resultant device is not radially expandable.

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	AA1	5,824,056	10/20/056	Rosenberg	623/1	606/191
	AB1	5,849,206	12/15/98	Amon, et al.	216/63	216/37
	AC1	5,858,556	1/12/99	Eckert, et al.	428/586	428/662
	AD1	5,873,904	2/23/99	Ragheb, et al.	623/1	623/11
	AE1	5,725,573	3/10/98	Dearnaley, et al.	623/2	427/2.25
	AF1	5,605,714	2/25/97	Dearnaley, et al.	427/2.24	427/2.25
	AG1	4,846,834	7/11/89	von Recum, et al.	623/11	623/66
	AH1	5,984,905	11/16/99	Dearnaley, et al.	604/265	427/2.24
	AI1	4,751,099	6/14/88	Niino, et al.	427/34	427/423
	AJ1	4,510,182	4/9/85	Cornils, et al.	427/162	427,165
	AK1	5,242,710	9/7/93	Claar, et al.	427/248	427/249

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Ref. Desig.	Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Trans. Yes No
AL1	97/44692	11/27/97	WIPO	G02B	6/16	
AM1	98/45506	10/15/98	WIPO	C25D	7/04 B23H	
AN1	98/13537	4/2/98	WIPO	C25D	1/00 C23F 1/02	
AO1	99/23977	5/20/99	WIPO	A61F	2/06	
AP1	61-88135		Japan			

OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

AR1 "Liquid Sources for Chemical Vapor Deposition of Group 6 Metals and Metal Nitrides" by Gordon, et al., www.techtransfer.harvard.edu/cgi-bin/TALSearch.cgi?full_report=1&case=3, Case Number 1709

AS1 "Fabrication of Small-Scale Coils and Bands as Photomasks on Optical Fibers for Generation of In-Fiber Gratings, Electromagnets as Micro-NMR Coils, Microtransformers, and Intra-Vascular Stents" www.techtransfer.harvard.edu/cgi-bin/TALSearch.cgi?full_report=1&case=72, Case Number 1263

AT1 "Reactions of Biological Cells to Nanostructures", by Curtis, et al., AVS 46th International Symposium, Paper BI-WeM2 (October 27, 1999)

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	AA2	5,899,935	5/4/99	Ding	623/1	623/12
	AB2	5,723,219	3/3/98	Kolluri	428/411.1	428/407
	AC2	5,811,151	9/22/98	Hendricks, et al.	427/2.24	427/2.3
	AD2	5,866,113	2/2/99	Hendricks, et al.	424/78.17	424/78.18
	AE2	5,084,151	1/28/92	Vallana	204/192.11	204/192.14
	AF2	5,477,864	12/26/95	Davidson	128/771	
	AG2	5,607,463	3/4/97	Schwartz, et al.	623/1	623/12
	AH2	5,609,629	3/1/97	Fearnott, et al.	623/1	623/11
	AI2	5,647,858	7/15/97	Davidson	604/264	
	AJ2	5,649,951	7/22/97	Davidson	606/198	
	AK2	5,690,670	11/25/97	Davidson	606/198	606/191

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Ref. Desig.	Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Trans. Yes No
AL2	WO99/62432	09.12.99	WIPO	A61F	2/06, 2/01	
AM2	WO01/55473	02.08.01	WIPO	C23C	14/00	
AN2	WO97/07257	27.02.97	WIPO	C23C	14/00	
AO2	1452370	21.03.74	Germany	C21C	37/15	
AP2	0 400 947	29.05.90	Europe	C23C	16/00	

OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

AR2 "Biocompatibility of Cardiac Cells on Silane-Modified Surfaces" AVS 46th International Symposium, Paper BI-WeM5 (October 27, 1999)

AS2 "Biofunctionalization of Surfaces with Peptide Amphiphiles" AVS 46th International Symposium, Paper No. BI-WeM7 (October 27, 1999)

AT2 "Plasma Copolymer Surfaces for Cell Culture" AVS 46th International Symposium, Paper No. Paper BI-WeM9 (October 27, 1999)

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	AA3	5,735,896	4/7/98	Amon, et al.	623/11	623/1
	AB3	5,765,418	6/16/98	Rosenberg	72/47	72/42
	AC3	5,772,864	6/30/98	Moller, et al.	205/73	205/75
	AD3	5,782,910	7/21/98	Davidson	623/3	
	AE3	5,824,049	10/20/98	Ragheb	623/1	623/11
	AF3	5,728,158	3/17/98	Lau, et al.	623/12	606/194
	AG3	5,840,009	11/24/98	Fischell, et al.	600/3	
	AH3	5,728,908	7/21/98	Cahalan, et al.	623/1	623/11
	AI3	6,042,597	3/28/00	Kveen, et al.	606/198	623/1
	AJ3	6,071,305	6/6/00	Brown, et al.	623/1	623/12
	AK3	5,972,027	10/26/99	Johnson	623/1	623/12

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Ref. Desig.	Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Trans. Yes No
AL3	0 442 303	25.01.91	Europe	C23C	16/26	
AM3	11267462	05.10.99	Japan	B01D	59/34	
AN3	51055724	17.05.76	Japan	C22C	01/02	
AO3	WO01/53559	26.07.01	WIPO	C23C	14/14	
AP3	WO01/56502	09.08.01	WIPO	A61F	2/06	

OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

AR3 "Plasma Co-polymer Surfaces for the Controlled Adsorption of Common Proteins" AVS 46th International Symposium, Paper No. BI-Frm2 (October 29, 1999)

AS3 "Biofilm - Titanium Chemistry of Adhesion Using X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy" AVS 46th International Symposium, Paper No. BI-Frm10

AT3 "Nanoscale Patterning of Gold for Attachment of Supported Lipid Bilayers" AVS 46th International Symposium, Paper No. BI-Frm10

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	AA4	6,086,773	7/11/00	Dufresne, et al.	216/8	216/48
	AB4	5,630,840	5/20/97	Mayer	623/1	623/11
	AC4	5,955,588	9/21/99	Tsang, et al.	536/21	514/56
	AD4	5,968,091	10/19/99	Pinchuk, et al.	623/1	600/36
	AE4	5,962,138	10/5/99	Kolluri, et al.	428/411.1	428/407
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	AG4	5,607,463	3/4/97	Schwartz, et al.	623/1	623/12
	AH4	6,106,642	8/22/00	DiCarlo, et al.	148/563	148/675
	AI4	5,891,507	4/6/99	Jayaraman	427/2.25	427/318
	AJ4	5,744,515	4/28/98	Clapper	523/113	523/114
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AR4 "Focused Ion Beam NonaFabrication", <http://www.glue.umd.edu/~astan/avs04.htm>

AS4 "Amorphous Carbon and C:N Thin Films" <http://www.glue.umd.edu/~astan/avs01.htm>

AT4 "Multilayer Ceramic/Metallic Coatings by Ion Beam-Assisted, Electron Beam Physical Vapor (EB-PVD) Deposition, Penn State Applied Research Laboratory, pp. 1-4 (1997)

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	AB5	5,656,036	8/12/97	Palmaz	623/12	606/195
	AC5	5,938,697	8/17/99	Killion, et al.	623/1	623/12
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	AE6	5,569,295	10/29/96	Lam	606/198	606/196
	AF6	5,514,154	5/7/96	Lau, et al.	606/195	606/194
	AG6	5,895,406	4/20/99	Gray, et al.	606/198	623/1
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	AI6	6,015,429	1/18/00	Lau, et al.	623/1	623/12
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